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U. S. REFUSES GERMAN PARLEY; MAY ARM MERCHANT SHIPS

Washington Orders German Sailors of Refugee Ships Freed; Were Held 9 Days

KAUAI, WANTING ACTION, MAY GO TO LEGISLATURE

Settlement of Land-Water-Railroad Problem Long Delayed, Say Garden Island People; Talk of Protest Through Delegation and Inquiry of Land Commissioner

Kauai's land controversies are likely to go before the legislature as Kauai's protest against non-action. With 4000 or 4500 acres of government lands on Kauai passing from plantation leasehold into full control by the territorial government this fall, word comes from the Garden Island that unless the present territorial administration soon outlines its plans for handling the various problems arising, there will be "some thing doing" in the legislature. The Lihue-Makee plantation fight of the past, which culminated last spring when the governor went to Kauai, were a phase of the knotty problems facing the administration. Most of these problems come to a focus next October, with the expiration of land and water leases. It is already readily hinted by Kauai men that the government is so slow in taking action that the Kauai delegation in the coming legislature will demand some sort of settlement. While many opinions are expressed as to what the government should do, the Star-Bulletin learns that a policy of home-steading part of the lease-expired lands now and home-steading the rest later on would meet with general favor. One suggestion coming from a Kauai businessman who has given the subject much thought is that about 1500 acres should be home-steaded this fall or early next year; that two years later a similar amount should be opened to public entry, and the remainder home-steaded two years later. To open all the lands for entry now, it is declared, would be disastrous. There is not enough water for irrigating all the acreage—that is, developed water. There is plenty of undeveloped, but reservoirs, pipe lines and ditches must be constructed, and the territory is making no progress toward doing this. By opening part of the lands now and the rest in two and four years, meanwhile short-leasing this remainder to the plantations, the land can gradually be turned over, it is hoped, to sturdy, intelligent and wide-awake American home-steaders who will "make a go of it."

Information reaches the Star-Bulletin from Kauai that eight months ago the land soon to be thrown back to the public was surveyed. Dissatisfaction with this survey is already manifest. The survey is said to have been made of 15-acre tracts only, whereas it is declared that such tracts are too small for home-steading and such a method of opening will work nothing but disaster.

Kauai people are also anxious to know what the territorial government is going to do regarding the distribution of water. Most of them, it is said, favor governmental distribution, feeling that then there could be no charges that the plantations were not handling the water fairly.

When the Kauai delegation comes to Honolulu in a few days for the opening of the legislature, it is likely to have several bills or resolutions ready for quick introduction, demanding action by the government. The land laws cannot be amended except by Congress, but that will not prevent a legislative inquiry into the delay which is now being talked of among Kauai's lawmakers. One particular item of complaint which Kauai county begins to feel, the Star-Bulletin is told, is that the public revenues will suffer when the leaseholds expire, and therefore the county feels that the territory should immediately begin a policy which in other ways will compensate the public. Through the taxes the Kauai plantations pay a substantial sum upon the leased lands. This will be lopped off when the leased lands revert to the territory. Kauai people admit that in the Kapa-Anahulu tangle and other land-water-railroad problems the government has a very knotty job to do. What their legislators are talking of making formal protest against is the alleged unreasonable delay of the territorial government in tackling the problem. Many months have passed since the governor's trip to Kauai and the hope then that the tangle would soon be ended has gradually faded. One of the phases of inquiry proposed is a resolution demanding an investigation and the calling of the land commissioner before a special committee to answer numerous questions.

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Congressmen May Come On Visit Again

Delegate Kuhio Sends Marconigram Asking How Large Appropriation Can Be Counted on and Suggests April

Senator Robert W. Shingle this morning received a marconigram from Hawaiian Delegate Kuhio Kalaniano'le which indicated that another congressional party similar to the one which came here two years ago will probably visit the islands in April, providing the local legislature appropriate sufficient funds for the party's expenses.

The message reads: "Cable your views about a congressional party. How many should come? When? How much would you appropriate? I suggest April and \$40,000."

All senators seen this morning were enthusiastic over the contemplated visit and believed there would be no trouble in obtaining the \$40,000 appropriation. Senator Chillingworth says: "I believe any necessary amount will be available for such a laudable venture."

Two years ago there were about 135 in the party and \$42,000 was appropriated. It is believed there would be about the same number this year. Local senators believe the Washington party will leave there about April 20 if funds are forthcoming. It is probable that there will be no women in the party.

Prince Kuhio personally invites those who make up the delegation from the house and senate chiefly, including a few other government officials.

When the last party visited Hawaii they left little of interest on all the islands unseen and it is predicted that the same extensive sight-seeing and merry-making will be observed this time.

Collins Writes Letter Showing Need of \$10,000 Structure on Kalakaua Avenue

That the bridge over Apukehau stream which flows between the Moana hotel and the Outrigger Club is in poor condition and unfitted for the permanent construction which will be put over it in the paving of Kalakaua avenue and although not exactly unsafe at present is likely to be in the future, is the startling information contained in a letter from George Collins, city and county engineer, to the board of supervisors. Collins' letter announcing the poor condition of the bridge says in part: "The abutments are in poor condition and consist for the large part of irregular coral blocks of various sizes neatly pointed up on the stream face. Although there is no evidence at present of any failure, it is a very easy matter to work these blocks loose. The present type of construction is altogether unsuited to the permanent character of work being done on Kalakaua avenue. The bridge proper spans a distance of 25 feet and is a monolithic structure. Although the concrete along the bottom of 15 of the girders has fallen away from the reinforcement the bridge shows no sign of failure. It cannot, however, be considered a permanent structure. The reconstruction of this bridge will involve the expenditure of about \$10,000 and I would recommend such expenditure be made if the funds are available. If not it will be necessary to leave joints at such distance from the abutments as to permit reconstruction at some future date. The cost of concrete pavement which will be destroyed in this event will be about \$300. The only argument against reconstruction is that the plans for the reclamation of Waikiki swamps which include the diversion of the stream at some point make of Kalakaua avenue would make a bridge at this locality unnecessary."

Dependency is the reason given by the police for the attempt of Caleb Leonard, the well-known horse-trainer, to cut his throat with a razor Sunday afternoon at the Honolulu ranch, where he was the guest of Manager Louis Warren. He was rushed to the emergency hospital and is recovering.

Late News At A Glance

GERARD THANKED FOR WORK FOR BRITISH PRISONERS
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—The gratitude and thanks of the nation are to be conveyed to Ambassador Gerard by the British government for his work on behalf of British war prisoners in Germany.

HIGH PRICE OF PROBING HIGH COST OF LIVING
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—President Wilson will be asked to approve an appropriation of \$200,000 for the investigation of the alleged extortionate prices for food. The investigation, by the terms of the bill now planned, will be under his direction.

IRELAND'S TROUBLES TO BE DEBATED SOON
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—The government has agreed to appoint a day for the discussion, in the house of commons, of the Irish administration, as requested by the Nationalists.

LANSING WOULD QUIET DISAFFECTED CUBANS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Secretary of State Lansing today made appeal to the Cubans not to plunge their country into another revolution. He urgently enjoins them to await the outcome of the approaching elections and abide by the decision of the votes.

GUARDING AGAINST SPIES IN CANAL ZONE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—An executive order which excludes spies and other undesirable persons from the Panama Canal Zone, and giving the governor of the Zone virtually unlimited power to regulate immigration, was signed by the president today. The text is not made public.

CARRANZA WOULD PUT EMBARGO ON SUPPLIES TO EUROPE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Gen. Carranza, president of Mexico, has sent identical notes to the United States, Argentine Republic, Brazil, Chile and other neutral countries asking them to join Mexico in an agreement to prohibit exports to the belligerent nations of foodstuffs and munitions.

GERMAN DESTRUCTION OF HOSTILE PLANES GREAT
BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 12.—Announcement was made today that from the beginning of the war until January 31, 1916, German battle-planes and anti-aircraft batteries have destroyed 1002 hostile air-machines, according to the Overseas News Agency and official statistics. The machines of the enemy thus destroyed were valued at a total of 50,000,000 marks.

CAMINETTI WANTS REHEARING BEFORE SUPREME COURT
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Drew Caminetti, the young Californian, who with Maury I. Diggs was convicted under the Mann "white slave" act of taking two young women to Reno on an immoral escapade, is trying to get a rehearing before the supreme court. His lawyer today filed a petition for the rehearing. The supreme court seldom grants such a petition.

HOUSE REJECTS PLAN FOR MORE SUBMARINES
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—By a vote of 281 to 139 the house today permitted consideration of an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, to include \$1,000,000 to buy basic airplane patents, also to empower the government to take over private ship and munition plants. The proposed increase in the submarine building program from 18 to 50 was rejected. The program reported to the house by the naval affairs committee is finally retained without change.

ALLOW NO MORE HYDRAULIC FILL ON PIER WORK
Decision to notify the Lord-Young Engineering Company that the harbor board will not allow any more hydraulic fill work back of Piers 8 and 9 was reached late in the meeting of the territorial body this afternoon.

ORDER FIVE DAYS IN PRISON FOR LEVENTHAL
Governor Pinkham this afternoon received orders of the summary court in the case of Pvt. Joseph Leventhal of Company D, 1st Hawaiian Infantry, National Guard, for five days' imprisonment in the territorial penitentiary for non-attendance at drills. The governor has the case under consideration, and it is deemed probable that he will approve the findings of the court. Leventhal is said to be an ex-convict man.

ESCAPED REFORM SCHOOL BOYS ARRESTED FOR THEFT
Gabriel Kupaka and Joe Perreira, escaped inmates of the boys' reform school, were arrested this afternoon by Probation Officer Joseph Leal and booked at the police station. The police state that a silver watch and chain recently stolen at Waimanalo, windward Oahu, was found on Perreira's person. The most interesting feature of the arrest is the fact that Perreira is the boy arrested Saturday night prowling about the Colonial hotel yards by Detective Arthur Anderson and released by Capt. McDuffie and Deputy Sheriff Asch later. Perreira declares now that Anderson hit him over the head with his pistol while Anderson and his chief, state that the officer did not even have a gun on him that evening.

SHIPPING BOARD WOULD PUT TRANSPORTS TO WORK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Use of the army transports now lying idle at docks is planned by the newly created United States shipping board as the first practical step in the long-planned rehabilitation of the American merchant marine. It is planned to use the idle army transports in domestic commerce mainly as a coast-wise service and through the Panama canal.

The shipping board has asked President Wilson to turn over the army transports to it for use in such service. The board requested especially that it be allowed to take over the two old transports Meade and Crook now moored in San Francisco bay where they have been, unused, for a long time.

MAY TRANSFER CASE TO ASHFORD'S COURT

Attorneys interested in the Kahana land case, now on trial in Circuit Judge Ashford's court, have reached an agreement which may mean the transfer of the case to Circuit Judge Ashford's division with Judge Whitney acting as master. Further hearing of the case was had this afternoon. Judge Whitney has announced that he will leave the circuit bench next Thursday. He is to be associated with W. O. Smith and L. J. Warren in a law partnership.

BONILLAS IS NAMED MEXICAN AMBASSADOR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Ignacio Bonillas, a Carranza representative on the joint American-Mexican commission, was today named ambassador to the United States.

CREWS OF GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS RELEASED TODAY

Orders Received From Department of Labor End Detention and Court Cases End

Acting on cabled orders received this afternoon from Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson, Washington, D. C., Richard L. Halsey, inspector in charge of the United States immigration station at this port, at 3 o'clock this afternoon released from detention the officers and sailors of the eight refugee German merchant steamers tied up in this port since the beginning of the war. The number of men released was 76. The Germans have been held in detention at the immigration station exactly nine days. They were taken there under military guard on Sunday, Feb. 4.

The officers and men of the refugee steamers Pomern and Prinz Walde-mar, who are under arrest on charges of damaging and attempting to destroy their vessels, were to be released this afternoon, the U. S. attorney's office announced. "The charges against these men will be dropped," Attorney S. C. Huber said. "We do not care to press the charges."

As Mr. Huber says he has received no instructions from Washington for several days, it is believed he is acting under the instructions received by Inspector Halsey. Manager F. W. Klobahn of H. Hackfeld & Company, local agents for the refugee steamers, said at 3 o'clock he had "not even heard of the men's release" and could not say whether they would return to the vessels. No orders as to the crew of the Oler had been received by army or navy departments up to 3 o'clock.

Four Ships Today Added to List of Submarine Victims

Sunday's Toll Less Than Saturday's, Which May Have Cost American Lives

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—The British steamer Lycia was reported sunk, late today, the crew being saved, says a Lloyds agency announcement.

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—Added to the toll of vessels destroyed by submarine warfare in the past two days there were added three today, according to early reports. They were the steamers Voltaire, Olivia and Netherlee, all British. One member of the crew of the Olivia was killed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Eight ships sunk Saturday and two Sunday up to midnight is the submarine toll for the two days, according to available information. On Saturday a British steamer on which are thought to have been at least 25 Americans, muleteers, was sunk and the fate of these Americans, if they were actually aboard the ship at the time, is as yet unknown.

Saturday's toll of shipping sunk by submarine or mine aggregates 22,271 tons. The known list includes eight ships, five British and three Norwegian. These are:

- British steamer Dauntless, 1361 tons.
- British steamer Japanese Prince, 3075 tons, between Plymouth and Newport News.
- British steamer Lullington, 1821 tons.
- British steamer Mantola, 5131 tons, from London for Calcutta.
- Norwegian steamer Beatchree, unlisted.
- Norwegian steamer Solbakken, unlisted.
- Norwegian steamer Ellavore, 1710 tons, from the Tyne for Barcelona.
- Norwegian steamer Havgard, 757 tons, Newport for Cardiff.

The Dauntless was sunk six days ago. Yesterday one of her boats with three Englishmen and one American was picked up. The men had been five days without food or water and were in a desperate condition. Some of them may die from the hardships undergone. Others of the Dauntless crew are still missing. The Japanese Prince, according to the British consul at Newport News, carried 25 American muleteers. The information from London does not state whether the Japanese Prince was sunk before she made her British port from Newport News or at a time when she was returning to the United States. If the latter, it is unlikely that the Americans were aboard, as the practice is to send the men shipped as muleteers back as passengers aboard a regular liner. The Japanese Prince took a cargo of steel billets and grain. From London come reports that

BERLIN WANTS INFORMATION ON GERMAN CREWS DETAINED IN PORTS OF UNITED STATES

Action Seamen of Refugee Ships in Smashing Machinery is Shown to Be Indorsed By Home Government as Precautions for Possible War

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Refusing to parley with Germany on the submarine issue, the United States replied to Germany's proposal for a discussion of the submarine campaign. America declines to enter into negotiations while the German proclamation calling for unrestricted submarine warfare remains in effect, and declines also to negotiate until Germany restores the pledges of safeguarding given after the attack upon the Sussex. Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon made public the German proposal, submitted through the Swiss minister, also the reply by the United States, confirming the Associated Press announcement last Saturday.

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The International Mercantile Marine Company today formally applied to the navy department for guns with which to arm passenger liners of this American line. The company states that it is unable to find the guns elsewhere. It is indicated in official circles now that while the department is opposed for military reasons to the project of conveying merchant vessels, it favors furnishing them with guns for their own defense and supplying trained gunners. A more difficult objection may be the withdrawing of navy gunners from the active list for use on the liners.

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Germany has released Ambassador Gerard, though a large number of American sailors taken as prisoners of war on the prize steamer Yarrowdale are still detained by the government.

Official reports that Gerard has arrived at Zurich, Switzerland, today reached Secretary of State Lansing from Pleasant A. Stovall, minister to the Swiss republic, at Berne. Gerard is to sail from Madrid on the liner Alfonso XIII, February 21, or the Infanta Isabel, four days later. All obstacles placed in his way by Germany were removed and the kaiser sent a private secretary to accompany Gerard to the border. From Copenhagen comes the news that the detention of Gerard was largely caused by alarmist reports concerning the treatment of Germans in the United States.

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 12.—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann today informed the Associated Press that the government has requested an inquiry as to the status of crews of German vessels interned in American ports. The inquiry is asked through the Swiss government, which has taken over German diplomatic and consular offices in the United States. Pending reply, 72 American sailors taken from Allied ships by the German raider in the South Atlantic, and brought to Germany in the prize steamer Yarrowdale, and whose release has been agreed upon, are now to be held by Germany.

German Sailors Crippled Steamers As Precaution Against Use in War

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 12.—The Evening News today publishes a despatch from Rotterdam which says that in an address at Wilhelmshaven regarding the precautions taken by the Germans because of the possibility of war with the United States, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, a leading liberal in the Reichstag, made this statement: "German bluejackets in the United States have seen to it that German steamers in American ports are unusable by anyone for some time."

IS KAISER CONSIDERING MODIFYING DIVER WAR?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Reports that already Germany is considering modification of her avowed campaign of ruthless submarine warfare have reached diplomatic circles here from unofficial sources in European capitals. The Kaiser called an important conference of high officials of the government according to these unofficial sources. The meeting, held at the emperor's headquarters, is reported to have been attended by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, imperial chancellor, and high army officers as well as ranking officers of the navy. The possibility of modifying or moderating the new campaign of submarine warfare as it applied to neutrals is said to have been discussed, the apparent object being to stem the tide of indignation that the announced campaign of ruthlessness has provoked from the neutral nations.

the submarine campaign of the Germans yesterday netted but comparatively small results. Only two vessels are reported as having been sunk in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night, and one of them was a neutral ship, the Greek steamer Vasilissa Olga. The British steamer lost was the Salaga, registered at Lloyds at 3811 tons net burden. The day, however, brought the story of the sinking of the British steamer Mantola, which carried an American, Dr. Earl Rice of Portland, Ore. In a statement to the Associated Press last night Dr. Rice gave a description of the unwarned attack upon the Mantola, and told how she sank after the torpedo struck her. Consul Frost, at Queenstown, announced that all hands on board the vessel had been saved with the exception of seven sailors, members of the crew.

PARIS, France, Feb. 21.—Two successful raids were made by French troops on the Verdun sector and in the Argonne section, and patrols were active in Champagne and the Argonne districts.

MAINLAND MARKETS ARE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Owing to the fast, Lincoln's Birthday is a legal holiday in New York state there were no sessions of the stock, produce, sugar or other exchanges held today and no mainland quotations are available.